

CONGRATULATING ROBERT VAN
SCYOC**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Shippensburg Fire Department's Robert "Bobby" Van Scyoc, who recently marked 50 years of service to the Shippensburg community.

Mr. Van Scyoc first joined the Shippensburg Vigilant Hose Company on July 14, 1969. For half a century, he has kept a watchful eye over his neighbors as a first responder and community leader. In addition to his service as a firefighter, Mr. Van Scyoc also is an EMT and a retired Police Sergeant and Dispatcher. Today, he continues to drive fire apparatus to calls and works part-time at Shippensburg Area EMS.

It is my privilege to recognize Mr. Van Scyoc upon this remarkable milestone for his dedication to the Shippensburg community, and I wish him every continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HERBERT
KOHN RECEIVING THE 2019
HENRY W. BLOCH HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Herbert Kohn for being named the recipient of the 2019 Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award. This award was established in honor of Henry W. Bloch by the Jewish Community Relations Bureau and serves to honor a community member with a passion for community activism and an extraordinary civic presence. Mr. Herbert Kohn personifies the excellence we hope for in community leaders through his selfless character and dedication to pursuing justice for all.

After a courageous early childhood in Europe during World War II, Mr. Kohn escaped to the United States with his family during his third-grade year. After surviving the Holocaust and resettling in Kansas City, Mr. Kohn was fully committed to his educational endeavors. During his time at Paseo High School, Mr. Kohn was selected by his teachers to participate in the Missouri Boys State program. Upon graduation, he attended the University of Michigan, earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1960 and his Juris Doctorate in 1963. Throughout his life, Mr. Herbert Kohn has shown steadfast bravery and devotion to academic excellence even in the face of formidable trials.

Today, Mr. Kohn does exemplary work as a partner at a local law firm, Bryan Cave LLP, where he specializes in corporate law. Kohn's service to the community goes beyond his work as an attorney however. In 1999, Mr.

Kohn served on the transition team for the first female Kansas City, Missouri Mayor, Kay Barnes, and later, on her Charter Review Commission. His collaboration with a number of Kansas City mayors led to a beautiful downtown, a City Pension Plan, and improved early childhood education. Additionally, Mr. Kohn served as a member of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City and was selected by Governor Michael Parson to serve as Chairman of the Missouri Gaming Commission. Mr. Kohn's work has resulted in extraordinary benefits to our city, our state, and to countless people from all backgrounds and walks of life.

As one can see, Mr. Kohn's numerous accomplishments have left an indelible impact on his community. His generous and benevolent character is particularly well-reflected via his life-long devotion to the Missouri Boys State program. He has dedicated decades to expanding, improving, and bringing national recognition to the program ever since he was a participant. Two years ago, Missouri Boys State re-named one of its cities to "Kohn City." Moreover, Mr. Kohn served as the Chairman of the Kansas City Art Institute, the Chairman of the Missouri Cancer Commission, a Trustee of the Truman Library Institute, and the Director of the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Foundation. Throughout his extensive career, Mr. Herbert Kohn has devoted himself to institutions and organizations which have tangibly improved the lives of Kansas Citians and those throughout the region.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring Mr. Herbert Kohn for being named the recipient of the 2019 Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award. I stand today to recognize and thank Mr. Kohn for his countless contributions to the Kansas City community and the nation at large.

HONORING MSGT ENRIQUE "RICK"
HERRERA ON HIS 23 YEARS OF
MILITARY SERVICE**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Enrique "Rick" Herrera on his 23 years of military service.

Over the years, MSgt Herrera has made immeasurable contributions to our great nation and continues to personify the core U.S. Air Force values of integrity, selfless service, and excellence. He started his career in 1996 as a student in the Combat Patrol Pipeline and retires as a Master Sergeant that has served in many positions across the 724th Special Tactics Group.

Early in his career, MSgt Herrera was deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Forge with the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron. After being selected for assignment to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, he was deployed twelve times with elite Army and Navy Task Forces to Afghanistan and Iraq in sup-

port of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

MSgt Herrera retires as a decorated military servant and true American hero, having notably received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Despite all of his accomplishments, he never boasts of his military achievements and instead focuses his energy on his wife Susan and their son Noah.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our entire community when I say we are truly grateful for MSgt Herrera's extraordinary service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Master Sergeant Enrique "Rick" Herrera on his 23 years of military service.

CONGRATULATING NO. 9 MINE &
MUSEUM ON RECEIPT OF THE
TOURISM AND ENTERTAINMENT
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate and recognize the No. 9 Mine & Museum on being named the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development's Tourism and Entertainment Business of the Year.

Pennsylvania has a long and robust history of coal mining. Our anthracite coal has heated homes across the county, fueled trains, and gave power to industries that helped build our nation. The No. 9 Mine and Museum helps preserve this rich mining heritage for us and future generations to enjoy and remember.

The No. 9 Mine was first opened in 1855 by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and was the epicenter of mining operations in the Panther Valley. In operation for over a century, from 1855 to 1972, the No. 9 Mine is the world's oldest continuously operated anthracite coal mine.

Today, the mine is a museum and serves as an important reminder of our community's roots and of the resilience and determination of the many mineworkers who came before us.

The No. 9 Mine became a museum when the Panther Creek Valley Foundation took ownership of the property in the 1990's. Through their restoration efforts, the group created a unique, historical attraction, appealing to both locals and tourists alike.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the No. 9 Mine and Museum on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to preserving the history of our community.